



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU REMINDS NARROWBAND  
PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (PCS) LICENSEES OF FIVE-YEAR  
CONSTRUCTION BENCHMARK**

*Notifications submitted after July 1, 1999 must be filed electronically*

In 1994, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) auctioned nationwide and regional Narrowband Personal Communications Services (Narrowband PCS). Beginning later this year, these Narrowband PCS licensees will be required to notify the Bureau as to whether or not they have met their five-year construction benchmarks. This Public Notice serves to: (1) remind licensees of their responsibility to notify the Bureau regarding construction, (2) to eliminate uncertainty with regard to rule changes pending before the Commission, and (3) to point out that notifications filed on or after July 1, 1999, must be submitted electronically.

Section 24.103 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 24.103, sets forth minimum coverage requirements for Narrowband PCS licensees. In sum, the rule requires nationwide, regional, and Major Trading Area (MTA) Narrowband PCS licensees to meet construction benchmarks within five and ten years of license grant. The benchmarks are based on providing coverage over a minimum amount of geographic area or to a minimum percentage of the population. Each Narrowband PCS licensee must notify the Bureau that it has met the benchmarks at the five and ten-year points, and submit "a map and other supporting documentation that demonstrates compliance."<sup>1</sup> Failure to meet the construction requirements will result in forfeiture of the license and inability to regain it.<sup>2</sup>

In preparing a demonstration of compliance with the benchmarks described above, each licensee will need to determine the area(s) in which it provides reliable service. In this connection, the rules permit a licensee to either use the formula set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 24.103(e)(1), or another formula developed or generally used by industry, in order to calculate the reliable service radius of base stations.<sup>3</sup> In this regard, the Bureau urges each licensee to clearly describe in its notification the method(s) used in its calculations, and why the method(s) is/are appropriate for that particular Narrowband PCS technology.

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 24.103(f).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 24.103(h).

<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 24.103(e).

Licenses should note that the Commission has proposed, but not adopted, changes to the Narrowband PCS coverage requirements.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, in 1997 the Commission proposed to revise 47 C.F.R. § 24.103 to conform the Narrowband PCS rules to our paging rules by allowing licensees to demonstrate “substantial service” in lieu of the benchmarks described above. Further, the Commission sought comment on: (1) whether the coverage benchmarks themselves should be revised to mirror the applicable paging benchmarks, and (2) whether to eliminate the coverage requirements completely.<sup>5</sup> To date, however, these changes are only proposals, and have not been adopted by the Commission. We mention these proposals in order to clarify that licensees are required to comply with the rules in effect today, rather than the proposed rules described above.

The Bureau also reminds licensees that construction notifications regarding Narrowband PCS licenses filed on or after July 1, 1999, must be filed electronically via the Bureau’s Universal Licensing System (ULS).<sup>6</sup> Licensees filing electronically via ULS should access the ULS, provide their Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), Sub Group Identification Number (SGIN) if applicable, and password, and select application purpose “Required Notification.” Attachment A to this Public Notice describes how to submit a Required Notification electronically. Detailed instructions on accessing the ULS are available via the internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>.

We emphasize that in order to file electronically via ULS, the licensee must register its TIN and associate the appropriate Narrowband PCS call sign(s) with that TIN. Detailed instructions on TIN Registration are available via the internet by pointing your web browser at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls> and selecting “Getting your Login and Password (TIN/Call Sign Registration)” or by calling our Technical Support Hotline at (202) 414-1250. In this connection, we note that 16 of the 40 Narrowband PCS call signs have not been registered. We have included as Attachment B to this Public Notice a list of unregistered Narrowband PCS licenses. The Bureau urges each of these licensees to register immediately.

For further information contact Melvin Spann of the Commercial Wireless Division’s Licensing and Technical Analysis Branch at (202) 418-1333.

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<sup>4</sup> See Amendment of the Commission’s Rules to Establish New Personal Communications Services, Narrowband PCS, GEN Docket No. 90-314, ET Docket No. 92-100, Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act – Competitive Bidding, Narrowband PCS, PP Docket No. 93-253, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 12 FCC Rcd 12972, 12996, ¶ 44 (1997).

<sup>5</sup> Id. at 12997, ¶ 45-46

<sup>6</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.913. Narrowband PCS licensees have been able to file electronically via ULS since September 1998.

## ATTACHMENT A SUBMITTING A REQUIRED NOTIFICATION VIA ULS

The instructions below supplement the instructions for FCC Form 601, and provide context for Narrowband PCS licensees filing notifications of construction pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 24.103. To file a “Required Notification” via electronically via ULS, proceed as described below.

- (1) Establish a Dial-up connection to the FCC Network, open your web browser, and point it toward the following URL <http://wtbwww05.fcc.gov>
- (2) Select the **Online Filing** button in the left frame.
- (3) Enter your TIN, SGIN (if applicable), and Password and select **Continue**.
- (4) Choose **Select New Filing**.
- (5) Select purpose of application = Required Notification and select **Continue**.
- (6) Select purpose of submission = 1 (for the five-year) or 2 (for the ten-year) and select **Continue**.
- (7) Enter the applicable Call Sign(s) and scroll to the bottom of the page.
- (8) Enter the name and title of the authorized representative signing the form, and select **Continue**.
- (9) At this point, you may upload attachments (electronic files) in support of your notification (*e.g.*, word processor documents, scanned documents, scanned maps). Select the appropriate attachment type. If none apply, choose **Other**. Click the **Browse** button and locate the file you wish to upload. Type in a short description of the file you wish to upload (*e.g.*, map of area served). Select **Upload** to upload the file.
- (10) Repeat step (9) for each file to be uploaded. Select **List** at any time to see a summary list of files you have uploaded as attachments to this application.
- (11) After you have uploaded all attachments, select **Continue** and select **OK** on the warning screen.
- (12) You may Print Preview the application, or proceed and select the **Submit** button to file the Required Notification with the Commission. After you file the Required Notification, a confirmation screen and file number will appear. Again, you will have an opportunity to Print Preview the application.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**LIST OF UNREGISTERED NARROWBAND PCS CALL SIGNS**

<b>CALL SIGN</b>	<b>LICENSEE NAME</b>
KNKV206	AIRTOUCH PAGING
KNKV205	DESTINEER CORP.
KNKV208	DESTINEER CORP.
KNKV216	AIRTOUCH PAGING
KNKV234	AIRTOUCH PAGING
KNKV240	AIRTOUCH PAGING
KNKV228	AMERITECH MOBILE SERVICES, INC.
KNKV213	CONXUS SPECTRUM, INC.
KNKV219	CONXUS SPECTRUM, INC.
KNKV225	CONXUS SPECTRUM, INC.
KNKV231	CONXUS SPECTRUM, INC.
KNKV237	CONXUS SPECTRUM, INC.
KNKV222	INSTAPAGE NETWORK, LTD.
KNKV217	PAGE CALL, INC.
KNKV223	PAGE CALL, INC.
KNKV229	PAGE CALL, INC.